

BYA Spring 2025 End of Season Tournament Rules

Please print this out and keep with you in dugout!!!

General Rules

Tournament Format: Single Elimination

ALL GAMES (Including Championship) - HOME team will be the higher seed. AWAY team will be lower seed.

****Baseballs are provided by BYA****

Teams in ALL age divisions can play with as few as 7 players. "Outs" will be taken in the 8th and 9th spot. Injured players may be removed from the lineup with no penalty, unless dropping below 9 players. Late arriving players may be added to the bottom of the lineup at any time.

**HOME team is responsible for keeping scorebook.
AWAY team is responsible for operating scoreboard.**

Coaches, please ask your rep to indicate which team is which (HOME/AWAY) on each page of scorebook, this will reduce chance of error when recording scores and updating brackets.

For 9U – HS divisions, scorekeepers MUST also record pitchers name, number, and # of pitches thrown at bottom of score sheet.

**BOTH Scorekeeper and Scoreboard Operator
must sit together at the Score table.**

NO EXCEPTIONS!

**Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of
game.**

GAME RULES

All games will play until there is a winner, based on the following format:

5U and 6U (60 minutes or 6 innings whichever comes 1st)

7U and 8U (75 minutes or 6 innings, whichever comes 1st)

9U and 10U (90 minutes or 6 innings, whichever comes 1st)

12U (105 minutes or 6 innings, whichever comes 1st)

14U & HS (105 minutes or 7 innings, whichever comes 1st)

If time has expired, finish the inning. If score is tied, you will play until there is a winner using this format:

○ **CALIFORNIA TIE-BREAKER:**

- Each half inning will start with last 2 batters on 2nd and 3rd bases and one (1) out. Hitters will come to the plate with a no ball – no strike count.
- Each team will continue the batting order from the previous inning, with the two (2) previous batters occupying the bases, with the last batter occupying 2nd base and the next to last batter occupying 3rd base.
- The game will continue until a winner is determined.

○ **Example:**

The game ends in a 3-3 tie. The visiting team determines the # 4 batter is due up. The team will put the # 3 batter on second base, and the # 2 batter on third base. Repeat process for the home team in the bottom half of the inning.

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**BYA Rule where players play every other
inning and start every other game will be in
EFFECT!!!!**
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5U, 6U, 7U, 8U, 9U, 10U

5 Runs per inning for innings 1-4.

5th inning and extra (tie-breaker) innings = 10 run max.

11U, 12U, 13U, 14U

6 runs per inning for innings 1-5.

6th inning and extra (tie-breaker) innings = Unlimited runs.

HS (15U-18U)

No Run Limits

Tournament Age-Division Specific Rules

5U & 6U

Will follow all BYA Rules with the following exception – BYA Rule limiting infield positional play will reset at the start of the 5th inning. Please track this closely – violations should be addressed immediately (in-game)

7U & 8U -- Will follow all BYA Rules

9U & 10U

Will follow all BYA Rules including pitching limits

11U & 12U

Will follow all BYA Rules including pitching limits

13U & 14U

Will follow all BYA Rules including pitching limits

High School

Will follow all BYA Rules. including pitching limits

Umpires will be responsible for recording Pitchers (name/number/pitch counts) for all kid-pitch games.

The Umpires will be given REC tournament Cards to use for this tournament. They will need to record game score and pitcher's info (Name/#/innings). Coaches will sign the card stating it is correct. Umpires will place cards in Umpire room at conclusion of game.

Pitching Limits / Rules

Daily Max Limits

9U, 10U – 75 pitches

11U, 12U – 85 pitches

13U, 14U – 95 pitches

HS (15U – 18U) – 105 pitches

Rest Requirements 9U – 14U

1 – 20 pitches; 0 days rest

21 – 35 pitches; 1 day rest

36 – 50 pitches; 2 days rest

51 – 65 pitches; 3 days rest

66+ pitches; 4 days rest

Rest Requirements – HS

1 – 30 pitches; 0 days rest

31 – 45 pitches; 1 day rest

46 – 60 pitches; 2 days rest

61 – 80 pitches; 3 days rest

81+ pitches; 4 days rest

- The pitcher will only be required to observe the calendar day(s) of rest for the threshold he/she reached during the start of the at-bat, provided that the pitcher is removed before delivering a pitch to the next batter.
- When pitching in more than one game on the same calendar day, pitchers may pitch any combination of pitches in those games provided they do not exceed the maximum number of pitches for that calendar day.
- Pitchers reaching their maximum number of pitches in a day while pitching to a batter, may finish pitching to that batter before being removed.
- **PENALTY:** Pitchers in violation of any of the pitching rules shall be considered ineligible players. If opposing coach does not appeal the use of an ineligible player during the course of a game, the game will stand as played. Once the scorebook or other league records verify the ineligibility of a player, the player will be removed from the pitching position and ejection of the head coach from the game. Head coach will also be suspended from the next scheduled game.